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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Demetrius D. Smith, 26, of Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 30 months in prison for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a controlled substance user. Smith pleaded guilty to this charge on September 27, 2007.

On July 16, 2007, officers with the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force executed a search warrant at Smith's apartment on Allied Drive, after Smith had sold marijuana to a confidential informant. In the apartment, officers found additional marijuana, a scale and a loaded pistol. Smith admitted the pistol was his and that he had been regularly smoking marijuana since he was fourteen.

The charge against Smith was the result of an investigation conducted by Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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